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SUBJECT: SADAT LETTER TO RCC

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1. SADAT'S MAY 7 LETTER TO QADHAFI AND RCC OFFICERS IS BLUNT ATTEMPT TO DRIVE WEDGE BETWEEN QADHAFI AND HIS COLLEAGUES. IT WOULD SEEM TO INVITE THEM TO REMOVE HIM FROM POWER. IN VIEW OF DATE OF LETTER, LIBYAN RESPONSE MAY HAVE BEEN JALLUD'S MISSION TO CAIRO MAY 13, WHICH QADHAFI'S "CRISIS OETHIC " TELEGRAM ENDED ABRUPTLY.

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2. WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE EGYPTIAN MOVE HAS HAD ANY SUCCESS. IN FACT ATTEMPT TO SPLIT QADHAFI FROM RCC COULD ONLY BIND THEM TIGHTER. THEY HAVE COME LONG WAY TOGETHER WITH QADHAFI AND HE STILL SEEMS TO BE ONLY ONE AMONG THEM WITH LARGER VISION NECESSARY FOR THEIR "REVOLUTIONARY" LEADERSHIP. FACT IS, HOWEVER, SO LITTLE IS KNOWN ABOUT POWER RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN SECRETIVE RCC CLIQUE AND OFFICER CORPS AS WHOLE THAT PERHAPS EGYPTIANS ARE TRYING TO EXPLOIT INTERNAL CRACKS WE DO NOT KNOW ABOUT.

3. MEANWHILE, QADHAFI'S NEW DAILY "AL FATIH", PUBLISHED BY ARMED FORCES AND DESCRIBED AS "VOICE OF FREE UNIONISTS", CONTINUES TO PUBLISH STATISTICS OF LIBYAN MILITARY AID TO EGYPT DURING OCTOBER WAR. IN LATEST ISSQN, ARTICLE INTRODUCING STATISTICS POINTS OUT THAT PROPHET MOHAMMED TOO HAD HIS ENEMIES, WHO PUT SELFISH AND TRIBAL INTERESTS FIRST. BUT, PAPER NOTED, TRUTH ALWAYS OVERCOMES UNBELIEVERS IN THE END.
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